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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 10TH 1909.

It seems high time that concerted action should be taken at home with regard to the future intentions of a Government bent, not on reform, but on actual revolution. The situation is, in fact, rapidly becoming a duplicate of that existing in the first half of the seventeenth century, when, owing to the insane pretensions of the imitators of the Münster Anabaptists of the preceding century, a sect arose which, holding the unanswerableness of all civil government, and the emancipation of the faithful from subjection to laws or taxes, in no long period upset the fabric of government, and reduced the entire country for a space to absolute anarchy. That movement in England has been the belated offspring of religious sectarianism in Germany during the previous century, which, descending lower in the social rank eventually, came out in undisguised socialism, as the present movement in England has been in its turn the outcome of the theories held by French revolutionists of the last century, all holding in common an intense hatred to establishment, whether the establishment be

religious, as the Church, or sectarian, as the established order of government. The theory is much the same as that of the reputed Irishman, who on landing in the United States contrived to sum up the doctrine of the sect in the one short sentence: "Have you a government?" "Certainly" was the reply. "Then I'm against it." Such in effect are the doctrines openly acknowledged by many of the members of the present administration, who as they happen to be the loudest spoken, are from a more eraven fear of dissociating the "Party," suddenly acquiesced in by the better disposed elements, regardless of the eventual consequences to the country. Men like a GAGE, a MONIER, or a FOWLER, who have studied history, well know that the promulgation of such doctrines in high quarters has ever been the forerunner of the dissolution of the State that permitted it, yet their consciences have allowed them to act as the coadjutors of men openly professing them. The consequence has been, as ever happens in revolutionary times, that the real power has gravitated towards the most extreme and the men who are foremost in preaching the doctrine of subversion have assumed charge and driven their weaker-kneed colleagues into open acts of sedition and folly. The real command of the Cabinet has long ceased to rest with its nominal head, and Mr. Asquith with all the lawyer's adaptability to argue on either side has been compelled, with however bad grace, to adapt himself to the views of such dangerous conditors as Messrs. LLOYD GEORGE, WINSTON CHURCHILL, and AUGUSTINE BIRKET. Of late, rumour has it, Mr. WINSTON CHURCHILL has had a conception that the person most fitted to assume the Governor Generalship of India after the expiry of the term of office of Lord MINTO is the Right Honorable WINSTON CHURCHILL. In such a case, of course, all argument with his colleagues as to his supreme unfitness would be out of place. It is not likely that either Lord MORLEY, or Mr. Asquith would agree; but that is a matter of no moment whatever when weighed in the balance of Mr. WINSTON CHURCHILL's own opinion. If Mr. CHURCHILL considers that he himself is the proper man for the post, the Right Honourable WINSTON CHURCHILL may be considered for all practical purposes as already appointed, that is, of course, if Mr. Asquith be at the time nominal Prime Minister. Now the country has already seen the enormous amount of mischief that one man, with whom Mr. CHURCHILL has many political sympathies, can do in our Indian Empire. Mr. KIRK HARDIE is only a plain working member of Parliament, and he went out to India for only a few weeks, yet the simple suspicion that he possessed the sympathies of not a few members of the present administration was sufficient to set the whole of India ablaze from end to end. It is a simple sum of rule of three if so important (in his own opinion) an individual as Mr. WINSTON CHURCHILL should be sent out to represent in his own person the King-Emperor, how long the Empire can last.

In such a case it is easily calculated that a new Mutiny would be the least evil to be faced; but with this difference, that we should have to face it but an indifferent Government of doctrinaires, and a mere skeleton of an amateur army. Now it is surely time that the country at large should leave off fiddling, and come to look at affairs as they really are. If we were to lose our principal provinces, history teaches us that the Empire could no longer hold together; this is a fancy not unsupported theory. Will ALEXANDER THE GREAT die unexpectedly, at Babylon leaving no one with sufficient intellectual grasp to take up the reins, India soon fell from the feeble hands of his successors, who fighting for the reflection in the water left the entire substance of Empire. Not three years had passed when we find PIRRO the powerful satrap of Persia already in open revolt. The rest of the long story of ALEXANDER's successors is nothing but a tale of family dissensions, and a general relapse to barbarism of the entire of Western Asia. Does any one doubt, could any one doubt, that the story would be repeated in the event of India falling under the authority of Mr. CHURCHILL? In such a case it would follow a moment of sheer necessity that the greater provinces should fall away from an empire which could afford them no protection, and whose alliance might actually become embarrassing. Strangely enough the descendants of the great JOHN CHURCHILL have never done their country service in any civil line, even Lord RANDOLPH's promising career ending in collapse. The great soldier who could best that he had never been defeated in the field, in his relations with his successive Sovereigns brought nothing on himself but disgrace; deserting

We are glad to note that Messrs. Noel, Murray & Co., in their weekly circular, referring to the report that one of the largest and the oldest Import Firms of Manchester goods in Shanghai was in difficulties and that its consignment would cause a large quantity of merchandise to be thrown on the market, state that the latter eventuality has been entirely obviated. The circumstances of the firm's difficulties admitted of a satisfactory explanation and the necessary accommodation has been forthcoming in the interest of the whole commercial com-

community. Telegrams from Vladivostok to the Japanese papers say that the free-port privilege suspension bill passed the Upper House by a large majority on the 27th ult. The time of the enforcement of the Customs tariff is to be fixed by the Government. An official telegram to Japan also announces the passage of the Bill.

The syllabus of the Hongkong College of Medicine for the Spring Session has been issued. Lectures have been arranged as follows:—Practical Anatomy, Dr. G. D. R. Black with Dr. Ho Ke Tsun, as Demonstrator; Public Health, Dr. W. W. Pearce; Medical Jurisprudence, Dr. F. Clark; Chemistry, Mr. A. C. Franklin, F.I.C.; Clinical Medicine, Dr. J. C. Thomson; Clinical Surgery, Dr. R. M. Gibson; Tutorial Medicine and Midwifery, Dr. Jon Hawk; Eye Diseases, Dr. R. A. Bellis; Midwifery and Gynaecology, Dr. C. Forsyth; Mental Diseases, Dr. W. V. Koch; Surgery, Dr. W. V. Koch; Anatomy, Dr. G. H. L. Fitzwilliams; Physics, Dr. W. B. A. Moore; Pathology and Bacteriology, Dr. W. Hunter; Physiology, Dr. R. A. Bellis; Biology, Mr. A. R. Sutherland, M.A.; Practice of Medicine, Dr. F. T. Keyt; Materials and Therapeutics, Dr. O. Marzetti.

The N.C. Daily News says that a Cantonese, Mr. Ho Chen-huan, has arrived in Shanghai and has published a letter in the Chinese press, appealing to the Kwangtung community there, and calling on them for some effective action in the matter of the *Futian* incident as he says that in the three months since the incident occurred, nothing has been done by the British and Portuguese Consuls or the Chinese authorities. Should the matter be allowed to rest, as it is, urges the writer, Chinese lives will henceforth be slighted and valued no more than "goose feathers" and this, he adds, is no happy news for the Chinese brethren in the empire. He has, therefore, specially come to Shanghai and calls for suggestions and opinions from his fellow-provincials, so as to ensure justice being done, according to law. He promises further to announce the place and date of a meeting in connexion with his campaign.

ALLEGED THEFTS BY A  
PORTUGUESE.

Frank Aquino, the Portuguese who had such a formidable list of charges of theft to answer on Saturday last was again placed before Mr. J. B. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday, when the following additional charges were preferred against him:—Stealing one clock and one pair of spectacles, value \$20, from the Harbour Department's launch *Daisy* on the 18th ultimo; stealing a small rowing boat valued \$40 from Ah King on the 24th ultimo; stealing a pump valued \$50 from H. Weston's Circus on the 16th ultimo; stealing a revolver and fifty rounds of ammunition valued \$10 from Mrs. Schmidt of Beaconsfield Arcade on the 27th ultimo; stealing a looking glass valued fifty cents from the Sailors and Soldiers Home on the 21st ultimo; and stealing a Japanese rickshaw valued \$54 from 171, Wan Chai Road, on the 27th ultimo.

Prisoner was remanded until Friday morning.

## ALLEGED ARMED ROBBERIES.

## THE SANTIN CASE.

Before Mr. J. B. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday Li Kam Fuk was arraigned on the charge of committing armed robbery with others, not in custody, at Tsui Kong village, Santin. It is stated that Mr. J. W. Jamieson, C.M.G., of H. M. Consular service, formerly Commercial Attaché and for the past three years Foreign Superintendent of Chinese Labour in the Transvaal, will shortly be appointed H. M. Consul-General at Canton.

The action for libel brought by the Asiatic Dredging Company against Mr. G. Julius Nicolson, recently editor and proprietor of the *China Gazette*, Shanghai, has been adjourned until December 1st. The defendant is a lawyer against a ruling given by the Danish Consular Judge.

Two natives were charged before Mr. J. H. Kemp at the Magistracy yesterday with breaking into the house of Mr. W. Logan at No. 4, Century Crescent, and stealing a quantity of silverware. After hearing the evidence his Worship dismissed one of the accused, and sentenced the other to six months' imprisonment. A further six months was added to his term for disobeying an order of banishment.

Complainant deposed to five men entering her house on the early morning of January 4th, and that defendant was one of the five. The door was broken open, and the intruders asked witness for money. She said she had none, and one of the robbers suggested that they should hang her up to the roof. One of the men then seized her hands, and took two bangles from her wrists. She seized one of the men but he cut her with a knife, the defendant telling him that he would have to do so before he could release himself. Witness was also cut on the head and when released the man she had seized, all the robbers decamped.

After further witnesses had been heard, the hearing was adjourned.

## THE CHUNGSHAWAN AFFAIR.

Further evidence was adduced before Mr. J. H. Kemp in the case in which five natives were indicted on a charge of armed robbery at Chungshawan, and the hearing was again adjourned.

## RIDING CONTEST AT THE CIRCUS.

This afternoon there is a matinée performance at the Circus. Owing to the rain a new tent is being put up, so there need be no fear of the spectators getting wet. The circus will remain only four nights longer, and to-morrow night there will be a benefit performance for Mr. William Schultz who performs the daring feat of looping the loop.

The main event last night, as they say in the language of pugilists, was the amateur riding competition, for which 5 local horsemen entered.

As on the previous occasion, the event caused great excitement, and created much amusement, the entrants, all of whom no doubt could sit a horse fairly well, being mostly at sea when it came to riding the circus horse with the remarkable canter and kick. Numerous entries, which included the names of a number of Chinese, were received, but only five Europeans entered the ring. The winner was seaman F. H. T. Flora, the blue jacket who gave such an able display on the previous occasion. He received his prize amidst the hearty applause of the spectators present.

Times.

## TELEGRAMS.

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DAILY PRESS".]

JAPANESE IMMIGRATION IN  
CALIFORNIA.

LONDON, February 9th.

President Roosevelt's dispatch to the Governor of California mentioned in the telegram of the 5th inst., lengthily reviewed the situation created by the recent legislation of the State Legislature. The Bill, the President said, gave great cause for irritation and must be tested in the Federal Courts as a violation of Treaty obligations.

## TANG SHAO YI.

LONDON, February 9th.

H. E. Tang Shao Yi had a long interview with Mr. Lloyd George, the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

## SOUTH AFRICAN FEDERATION.

LONDON, February 9th.

The draft of the South African constitution provides for a Governor-General, a Senate and an Assembly. Each Colony will become a province under the administration.

Provincial legislators must be European.

Both English and Dutch are to be official languages.

## FRENCH POET KILLED.

LONDON, February 8th.

The French poet Catulle Mendes has been killed in a railway accident.

DEATH OF A FRENCH  
ACTOR.

LONDON, February 8th.

The death is now announced of the younger Coquelin, whose brother died a few weeks ago.

THE KING'S VISIT TO  
BERLIN.

LONDON, February 8th.

Their Majesties the King and Queen started to-day in beautiful weather for Berlin via Dover.

Their Majesties were accompanied by the Earl of Crewe, K.G. (the Lord Privy Seal), and Sir Charles Hardinge, G.C.M.G., (Permanent Under-Secretary of the Foreign Office).

## THE OPIUM QUESTION.

LONDON, February 8th.

Sir Frank Swettenham, (a former Governor of the Straits Settlements) has written a long letter to "The Times" in which he questions the need of the Opium Commission now sitting at Shanghai.

All the matters at issue, he says, were decided by the Royal Commission of 1895, and he re-iterates that if our morals are in question other people's money is concerned. If the cultivation of the poppy were prohibited in India enormous compensation would probably have to be paid while Great Britain would become responsible for the finances of her Colonies in the East if they are deprived of the main source of their revenues.

## THE SECRETARY having read the notice calling the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen.—With your permission I propose taking the report and accounts as read. In submitting the accounts to you a year ago I pointed out that a number of our houses were vacant and this state of affairs continued for some little time notwithstanding the reduction in the rents we were asking. I am however now pleased to be able to inform you that all our houses are occupied, and we have enquiries from persons wishing to take any of them when they become vacant again. With this increase in the demand we hope that in the present year our revenue may be such as to enable us to revert to the payment of the same dividend which we paid for 1907. The property has been kept in repair at a cost slightly increased on that of the previous year on account of the damage caused by the Typhoon of July last. If any shareholder wishes for further information I shall be pleased to give it.

Further information was not sought, and the report and accounts were adopted on the motion of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. HUGHES.

Mr. SHEPHERD proposed the re-election of Messrs. A. Rodgers and J. M. E. Machado (directors), A. Shelton Hooper, (secretary), M. S. Northcote, E. B. Shepherd, J. C. Peter and E. Jones Hughes.

The SECRETARY having read the notice calling the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen.—With your permission I propose taking the report and accounts as read. In submitting the accounts to you a year ago I pointed out that a number of our houses were vacant and this state of affairs continued for some little time notwithstanding the reduction in the rents we were asking. I am however now pleased to be able to inform you that all our houses are occupied, and we have enquiries from persons wishing to take any of them when they become vacant again. With this increase in the demand we hope that in the present year our revenue may be such as to enable us to revert to the payment of the same dividend which we paid for 1907. The property has been kept in repair at a cost slightly increased on that of the previous year on account of the damage caused by the Typhoon of July last. If any shareholder wishes for further information



## AUCTIONS

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undesignated have received instructions from F. SCHWARZKOPF, Esq., to Sell by Public Auction,  
TO-MORROW (THURSDAY),  
the 11th February, 1909, at 11 A.M., at their  
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VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,  
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HUGHES &amp; HOUGH:

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1909. [304]

(By ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.)  
PARTICULARS OF SALE OF  
VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY  
To be Soldby  
PUBLIC AUCTION.On MONDAY,  
the 15th day of February, 1909, at 12 o'clock  
NOON, by Mr. GEO. P. LAMMERT,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1909. [283]

BEING all that Piece or Parcel of ground situate at Victoria Hongkong known and registered in the Land Office as the REMAINING PORTION OF SECTION "O" OF MARINE LOT No. 71 together with the Messuages or Tenements thereon known as Nos. 2, 4, 6 and 8, Sutherland Street, Victoria aforesaid. The said premises are held for the residue of the term of 999 years subject to the payment of the Crown Rent and to the performance of the covenants in the Crown Lease of the whole of Marine Lot No. 71, reserved and contained.

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Solicitors for the Vendor  
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Mr. GEO. P. LAMMERT,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1909. [283]

## WANTED.

FROM the First of May, A FOUR-ROOMED HOUSE in Wyndham St., or vicinity with back verandah commanding view of the harbour. Apply Stating full Particulars to— Box 333,  
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Hongkong, 9th February, 1909. [303]

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SHOTS. From No. 10 to SSSG. at \$6, \$7 and  
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and AIR GUNS in Variety.  
Inspection Invited.

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Hongkong, 26th October, 1908. [145]AUTOMATIC BROWNING  
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CALIBRE 7.65 mm.  
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FIRING 8 SHOTS in 2 SECONDS.  
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Hongkong, 13th March, 1907. [535]

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## SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

CARRIER PIGEON PHOTOGRAPH—THE BEST  
FIRE-DOOR—THE GREATEST METEORITE  
MUSEUM—DERANGEMENT FROM TEETH—  
BORROWED ILLUMINATION—CAES AND  
LOAD—CANCER CAUSE IN INDIA—SILENT  
WARFARE—COTTON SILK.

Besides serving as a letter carrier, the homing pigeon has been made to express messenger service by conveying medicines, and of late Dr. Neubronner, a German experimenter, has been testing its possibilities as a military photographer. A special camera has been devised, taking pictures 1½ inches square, and one form of the apparatus uses a strip of film to obtain eight of the bird's-eye views at definite intervals. The time of exposures can be regulated with much accuracy. In a strange place, the pigeon begins its flight in a spiral curve, and thus would take pictures in several directions, giving information of the country and the enemy's quarters that might prove of great value in time of war. Flying homeward at a height of 150 to 300 feet, and a uniform speed of 40 miles an hour, the pigeon is fairly safe from an enemy's bullets.

For fire-resisting doors, armoured wood is taking the place of iron in British warehouses and factories. The armoured fire door is made of several thicknesses of seasoned pine boards, planed, tongued and grooved, and well nailed together, and is covered with tinned steel sheet fitting close to the wood. Several hours of the fiercest heat simply carbonizes the outer layer of wood to the depth of a fraction of an inch. The door remains in place, and is not, as the iron often is, warped and torn from its fastenings.

The great meteorite collection of the Imperial Natural History Museum at Vienna now has specimens from 615 different falls, the whole weighing about 32 tons. Of these meteorites, 232 are iron, 28 iron and stone, and 355 are stone. Prof. Berwerth, of Vienna, has found strong similarity between meteoric iron and manufactured steel, and Widmannstätten figures and other meteorite peculiarities can be reproduced.

The teeth are given little attention by physicians, but if we are to credit a new work by Dr. Henry S. Upson, they may be regarded as a leading source of nervous and mental derangement. No disease is so common as dental caries, which may exist without any local pain or sensation of any kind. It is often accompanied by disordered nerve action, and insomnia has been proven to be due to this cause. In severe cases, where the defects were shown only by skin graphs, the sleeplessness vanished as soon as the cavities were treated. Arterial disease often accompanies insomnia, and a man of 65 broke down after two years of the insomnia, and became paralyzed, and yet he was relieved when his teeth were treated for disease known only by the X-rays. Melancholy has been cured by similar means.

Illuminated signs without sources of light form the curious invention of a French engineer, who uses stroboscopic rays, and makes it possible to appropriate our neighbour's lighting without stealing current from his electric mains. The diffused light from street lamps, brilliant store windows and ordinary daylight may be utilized. The rays are collected by reflecting mirrors and glass prisms, and concentrated in a box behind the transparent sign, which may be at considerable distance away. The sign glows as brilliantly as it is difficult to realize that there is not a powerful arc lamp directly behind it.

To reduce the weight of cars without a sacrifice of strength is one of the great engineering problems of the day. Of 46 American electric cars of varying design lately compared, the majority seated 45 to 60 passengers, and weighed from 1200 to 1500 pounds for each seat. The range was 625 to 1603 pounds per seat. The latter was the weight of a steel car for 64 passengers on interurban service, and a wooden car for 60 passengers on like service weighed only 854 pounds per seat. For city service the cars varied between 625 and 1089 pounds per seat.

That every second person he met had a tumor in one cheek or the other was the first striking impression that Dr. Wm. C. Bentall, a British surgeon, received on reaching Travancore, South India, six years ago. Closer acquaintance showed that the swelling was a quid of betel, or betel-leaf enclosing bits of areca-nut and lime, but in the records of 1700 cases of cancer he finds there is a remarkable connection between the apparent tumor and the real malignant one.

Cancer is most frequent in females between the ages of 35 and 45, or 20 years younger in Great Britain, and a similar contrast appears among males, while 70.6 per cent of the cases of cancer in Travancore affect some part of the mouth cavity, but 5.8 per cent of British cases.

From these figures and a personal experience with 350 cases of cancer, Dr. Bentall concludes that the inextirpable habit of betel chewing, beginning in early childhood, is the chief cause of cancer in India. It may act as a source of mechanical irritation, or it may give a lodging place to a possible cancer germ.

The noiseless rifle of Hiram P. Maxim is claimed to reduce the report more than 75 per cent, and to be practically inaudible beyond 100 feet. The dampening is effected by a valve that instantly closes the bore as the projectile passes. The gases, thus prevented from sudden expansion, escape slowly, and the sound is a slight hissing. The hammer striking the firing pin is said to give a sound much sharper than the report of the gun. With noiseless and smokeless rifles, making the firing-line of an army hard to locate, it is predicted that future warfare will be very different from the past.

A silky gloss, much superior to that of mercerizing, is stretching in caustic alkali, is now given cotton by dipping into cellulose solution, or by partially dissolving the cotton itself in solvents of cellulose. The fibers produced are very glossy, strong and durable, being an advance over ordinary artificial silk, which is lacking in strength, especially when wet.

## PRESIDENT'S RIDE

98 MILES IN 17 HOURS.

Paul Revere's historic ride was eclipsed last month by Mr. Roosevelt, who did a ninety-eight miles' spin on horseback in the rain and sleet, just to show the dismounted, sedentary army and navy officers that he has not been lacking more from them in the recent physical test than he is willing to perform himself. A short time ago, Mr. Roosevelt set a heart-breaking pace in pedestrianism for his master's forthcoming absence from home. Some thought that the President was away fishing; others imagined he was rabbit shooting; but none suspected the real reason. Accompanied by Surgeon-General Rixey, Dr. Grason, and Captain Archibald Butt, his military aide-de-camp, the President left the White House at 3.40 a.m. They dismounted at the same place at 8.50 p.m. The President was covered with ice and snow when he completed his ride, but otherwise he was perfectly fit.

Army and Navy officers are required to ride ninety miles in three days, and Mr. Roosevelt in one day has beaten this task by eight miles. A motor car with the secret service men experienced difficulty in keeping the President in sight, because the roads were so bad. In a Virginia village Mr. Roosevelt shook the hands of hundreds of people, and made an informal speech. "What about 'Tillman's attack?" queried one. "Forget it," replied Mr. Roosevelt, laughing: "he did his best."

FRENCH COCHIN CHINA.

The Times' Paris correspondent writing on the 14th ult., said:

Paris, Jan. 14.

In Colonial circles the first actions of M. Klobukowsky, the new Governor-General of Indo-China, have been watched with close interest. The problem with which he has to deal has been thus stated to me by an authority on French Colonial matters: "Apart," he said, "from the obvious and necessary reforms which will doubtless need patience and firmness, M. Klobukowsky will have to show sympathy both towards the Conservative spirit of the majority of the native population and towards the aspirations of the educated minority in the direction of civilization. Success is only obtainable by such a fusion of these two temperaments as will prevent stagnation and revolution alike."

The Temps to-night shows that the first acts of M. Klobukowsky warrant confidence in the future. He has already suppressed certain of the fiscal injustices and shown his intention of exercising a protectorate in the true sense and of developing native administration at the same time, taking precautions that the advanced minority shall not swamp the representation of the Conservative masses. The Temps particularly welcomes the firmness with which he has insisted that his object is "the greatness of Indo-China indissolubly united to its protectress, France." It rejoices, too, at the clear warning given to the Annamites that the work of civilization means the tightening, not the dissolution, of the bonds between France and the Colony. "By bringing back the Annamites," says the Temps, "to a full conception of the reality of this statement, M. Klobukowsky will go far to terminate the propagation of dangerous dreams."

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

BUJU MARU, Japanese str., 1,811, Y. Fuseno, 9th Feb.—Swatow 8th Feb., General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.  
CHORHUN MARU, Jap. str., 1,303, T. Surugari, 9th Feb.—Shanghai 3rd Feb., General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.  
DUCALION, British str., 4,476, J. Ripenhausen, 9th Feb.—Yokohama 29th Jan. & Shanghai 6th Feb., General—Butterfield & Swire.  
HONG WAN I, British str., 2,060, G. Kinghorn, 9th Feb.—Singapore 2nd Feb., General—Chinese.  
LAISANG, British str., 2,224, F. Wheeler, 9th Feb.—Singapore 2nd Feb., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
LUKZOW, German str., 3,018, Carlos Dowers, 9th Feb.—Yokohama 30th Jan., General—Molchers & Co.  
NYANZA, British str., 4,180, H. S. Bradshaw, 9th Feb.—Yokohama 27th January and Shanghai 6th Feb., General—P. & O. S. N. Co.  
SINGAN, British str., 1,047, F. Jamison, 9th Feb.—Haiphong 2nd Feb. and Hoiho 7th Feb., General—Butterfield & Swire.  
WONGKOK, German str., 1,115, W. Rohr, 9th Feb.—Bangkok 28th Jan. & Swatow 8th Feb., Rice & Wood—Butterfield & Swire.

## CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.  
9th February.  
Eusang, British str., for Shanghai.  
Deudalion, British str., for London.  
Nyana, British str., for London.  
Shoeking, British str., for Amoy.  
Wakamatsu Maru, Jap. str., for Wakamatsu.

## DEPARTURES.

9th February.  
CHENAN, British str., for Canton.  
HAIAN, British str., for Swatow.  
HANYANG, British str., for Tsingtao.  
KWANTUNG, Chinese str., for Shanghai.  
KWONGSUNG, British str., for Canton.  
MERAPI, Dutch str., for Amoy.  
NIYAN MARU, Jap. str., for San Francisco.  
TEAN, British str., for Manila.  
TRIUMPH, German str., for Haiphong.

SHIPPING REPORTS.  
The British str. *Laisan* reports: Experienced strong monsoon.

## VESSELS IN DOCK.

February 9th.  
ABERDEEN DOCK.—  
KOWLOON DOCK.—*H.M.S. Whiting, Terrier, Trishun, Kwong Yuen, H.M.S. Flora, Bangkok, Minas de Batan.*  
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"ISCHIA." Captain Belotto, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 12th inst., at Noon. For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to

CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 3rd February, 1909. [4]

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Hongkong, 15th January, 1909. [198]

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Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

For further particulars apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1909. [1]

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Hongkong, 4th February, 1909. [249]

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Hongkong, 28th January, 1909. [1712]



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Hongkong, 26th January, 1909. [3]

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Hongkong, 9th January, 1909. [716]

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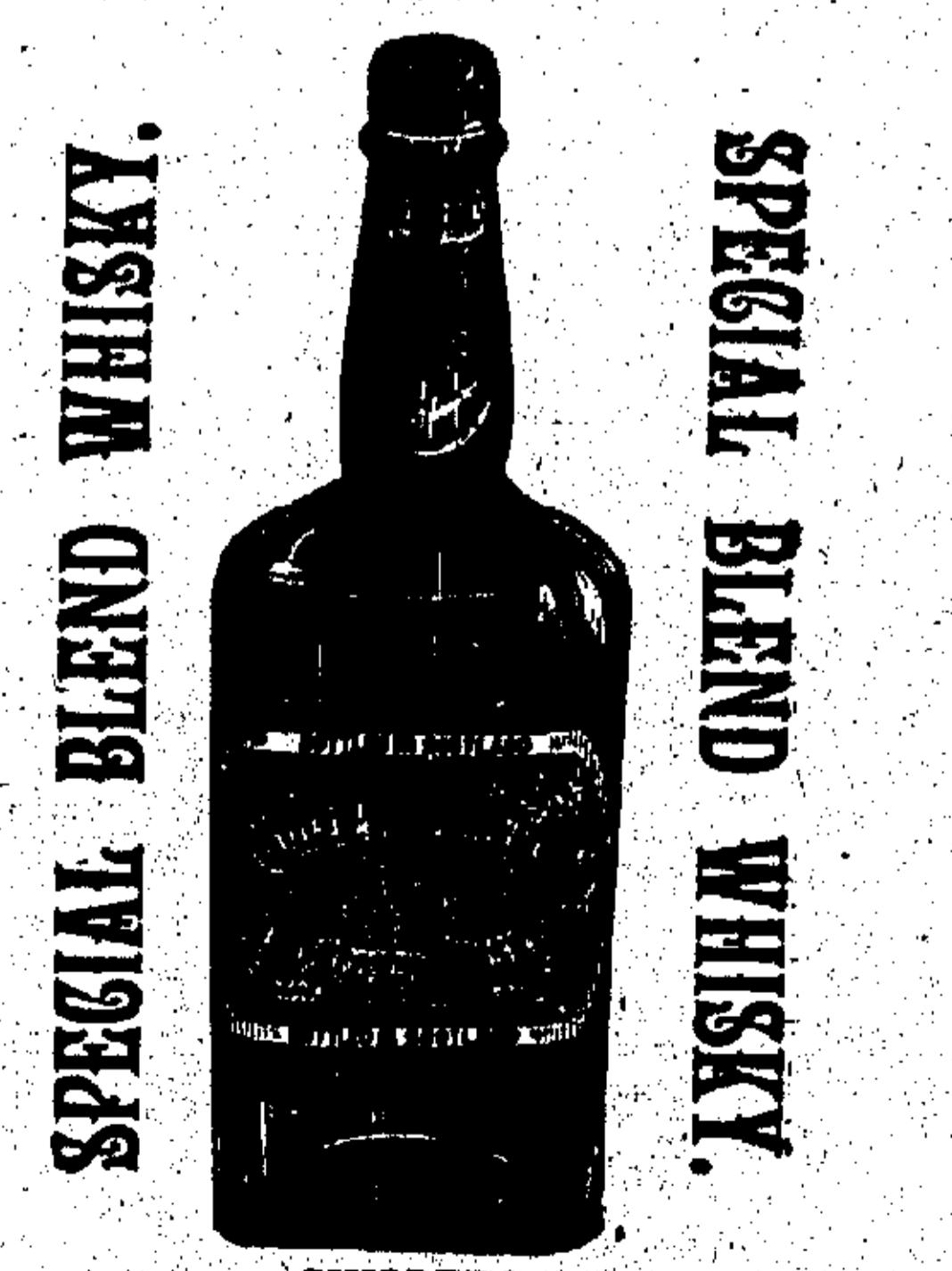
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"EMPERESS OF JAPAN" ...	6,000	SATURDAY, 10th April	30th April
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## FRENCH MAIL LINES.

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## LOCAL SPORT.

## FOOTBALL.

Another Saturday has passed and seen the League games coming closer to a finish. About a month hence we shall see the finish of a successful attempt to stir up Football enthusiasm in this Colony.

On Saturday the Buffs met and defeated the Y.M.C.A. by the only goal of the match. The R.G.A. met and defeated the B.O.C. 5-2. The match between R.A.M.C. and Naval Yard was stopped by the referee, Corporal Edwards. The Royal Engineers and the Lusitania did not play.

I hear from the Secretary of the League that at the weekly meeting of the League Committee, the case of the R.A.M.C. v. Naval Yard match was brought forward and discussed at length. Finally it was decided to award the Naval Yard the points because of the behaviour of one of the players of the R.A.M.C. I think the League Committee acted very wisely with this question. Players must remember that the referee has sole charge of the game, and is there to conduct it in the true sporting way. What I have seen of Corporal Edwards as a referee, convinces me he is fair and just, and has a wonderful knowledge of the game. What is more, he knows how to apply the rules.

Now this is a case where the proposed Football Association would prove its value. Had this Association been already formed offending players would have been suspended. I hope the Association will soon be in existence. I have read the proposed rules and find them to be exactly what we require. They show careful study on the part of the person who drew them up. The Secretary is calling a meeting for Friday, 12th inst., to discuss the rules, etc.

The Hongkong Daily Press Cup will surely go to the Buffs. They have played very consistently throughout, and the team is evenly balanced. The quintette is dashing, the halves are always on the ball and feeding their forwards with discretion; and the backs are quite safe. In their match with Y.M.C.A. on Saturday they put up a grand game, and so did the Saints. The Buffs won by the only goal of the match. In the second half they had much the better of the game and pinned the Saints in their own half. The sterling defence of Wharton and McCubbin, however, saved the Saints a heavier defeat. Atkins in goal was as safe as a house. He never really seemed at a loss with any attempt. If the Y.M.C.A. can put up such a good game against the Kent on Saturday in the Shield Tie we shall see them in the semi finals.

The Buffs and R.G.A. play on Friday, the 19th inst., on the Club ground. I would hardly like to predict a winner; the game should be a close one. Corporal Locker, R.M.L.I., will officiate as referee.

The B.O.C. played well against the R.A. in their League engagement but, of course, they could not expect to beat the R.A. The B.O.C. are improving, however, and should with practice prove a good team. They have some hard workers, and given time to practice, and more weight, they should prove one of the best teams in the Colony.

I hope all the Footballers in Hongkong will support Mr. Alex. P. Storri's newly proposed Football Association. It is a movement in the right direction and the rules are sound and would tend to improve football in Hongkong. More ground is needed now at the Valley, or say a good ground at Kowloon.

His Excellency the Governor has honoured the League by consenting to become a Patron.

The Club are showing a good deal of sportsman-like spirit with regard to the League. Although, for reasons best known to themselves, they did not go in, they are now doing their best to help it on by putting the use of their ground at the disposal of the Secretary when it can be spared. They are also supporting the new Association. Next year we shall, no doubt, be running Football as it should be, not in the old fashioned Hongkong style.

The following will represent the Naval Yard United A. v. Hongkong Club A. on the latter's ground to-morrow at 5 p.m. sharp.—Look; J. C. Joughin, Campbell, W. B. Stanton, Comber, Roylestone; Bristow, R. P. Carter, Gillespie, Bateman, Pye.

## REFEREE.

## THE WORLD'S NAVIES.

The most up-to-date official return of the relative strength of the world's Navies is contained in the United States "Navy Year Book" which has just been published. Since 1905 the United States Navy has held the second strongest position, but in view of the strides which are being made by Germany, it is now only maintains this right by a diminished margin. The rise of the United States Navy, like that of Germany, dates from the beginning of the '80's in the last century, and the race between these two Powers has now reached a stage when their relative positions threaten to be reversed. In a table giving the number and displacement of warships built and building of 1,000 tons and upwards, and of torpedo craft exceeding 50 tons on November 1, 1908, it is shown that Great Britain is still far ahead in naval strength. The aggregates are as follows, excluding ships over twenty years old, unless they have been reconstructed and re-armed since 1900.

No.	Tonnage.
Great Britain	482
United States	173
Germany	222
France	516
Japan	179
Burma	220
Italy	117
Austria	67

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## CHINESE AT THE OXFORD LOCALS.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS"]

Queen's College,

9th February 1909.

SIR.—In continuation of my letter to you of 26th October last, I should like to say that *Classical Chinese for Seniors only*, and *Modern Chinese for Juniors only*, have been added to the number of subjects that may be taken at the Hongkong centre.

The Oxford Delegates have not had special Entry Forms printed for the use of those local Candidates who wish to take Chinese; but they ask that the word *Greek* be erased from the Entry Form of such a candidate and either *Chinese* [for Modern Chinese], or *Classical Chinese* be substituted for it.

In *Classical Chinese*, for Seniors only, the book set for this year is the *Lu-yi*, i.e., the Confucian Analects. The paper in modern Chinese, for Juniors only, will consist of prepared translation from Chinese into English and from English into Chinese, just as in the case of Italian and Spanish—Faithfully Yours,

T. K. DEALY,  
Hon. Sec., Hongkong Centre.

## CATHEDRAL CHOIR CONCERT.

The following is the programme of the Concert to be given on Friday Feb. 12th at 9.15 p.m. in the City Hall in aid of the Cathedral Organ Fund for which £1,000 is needed:

PART I.

Anthem: "Send out Thy Light" ... Gounod

"All through the night" ... Welsh Air

Mrs. H. H. Edwards

Miss Nicholson, Mrs. Goldsmith, Messrs. Edwards, Bidden, Crispin,

Piano Solo ... "Airs and variations" ... Schumann

Mrs. Brotherton Harker.

Carol ... "In dulci jubilo" (1570) ... Purcell

Mrs. Barrett, Miss Humphreys, Miss S. Mrs. Dealy,

Mrs. Broughall, Mrs. Goldsmith, Messrs. Ayres, Matthews, White, Randall, Young and Bidden,

Evening Hymn: "O gladsome Light" ... Sullivan

PART II.

Vocal Polka: "Merry June" ... C. Vincent

(Soprano, Mrs. S. and Mrs. Dealy)

Solo: "Scarlette" ... Busso

Messrs. White, Wright, Young and Armstrong.

Piano Solo ... Mr. Denman Fuller.

Quartet: "Sweet and Low" ... Barnby

Mrs. G. H. Edwards, Mrs. Broughall

Solo with Chorus: "The Blind Moon" ... Jallot

Mrs. Ayres

Glee: "There was a bold woman" ... Janis

(Soloists Mr. L. Broughall and Mr. C. Crispin.)

\* With vocal accompaniment.

AUDITORS.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. W. Hutton Potts and Mr. J. W. C. Bohm, who offer themselves for re-election.

## COMPANY REPORT.

## HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

The eighty-seventh report of the Court of Directors to the ordinary half-yearly general meeting of shareholders to be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 20th February, is as follows:

To the Proprietors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

GENTLEMEN.—The Directors have now to submit to you a general statement of the affairs of the Bank, and balance sheet for the half-year ending 31st December, 1908.

The net profits for that period, including £2,005,774.81, balance brought forward from last account, after paying all charges, deducting interest paid and due, and making provision for bad and doubtful debts deducting all expenses and interest paid and due...

... £3,638,350.84

... £5,644,125.65

STERLING RESERVE FUND.

To balance £1,500,000 at ex. 2/- £15,000,000.00

(invested in Sterling Securities) £15,000,000.00

By balance 30th June, 1908 £15,000,000.00

£15,000,000.00

SILVER RESERVE FUND.

To Balance £14,500,000.00

£14,500,000.00

By balance 30th June, 1908 £14,000,000.00

By transfer from profit and loss account 500,000.00

£14,500,000.00

## JAPAN AND MANCHURIA.

## THE AGREEMENT WITH CHINA.

China-Japanese Telegraph Agreements, which have just been ratified, show, Reuter's Agency learns, that some important concessions have been made by Japan, which are further evidence of Japan's respect for Chinese sovereignty in Manchuria. During the Russian occupation the telegraph between Port Arthur and Chafou was directly connected at Chafou with the Russian telegraph office, which was free to receive any kind of message, but by the now Agreement the Japanese office at Chafou will receive official telegrams and private messages in Japanese characters only—and then only during certain specified hours. The Agreement also provides that Japan is to retain only the telegraph lines in the railway zone, and that she is to pay to China an annual royalty for messages sent over the railway zone lines. In this connection it is pointed out that the Railway Agreement between Russia and China expressly stipulated that no charge or royalty should be exacted by China for these messages.

The ratifications just exchanged refer to the China-Japanese Telegraph Convention which was signed at Tokio on October 12, to a supplementary Agreement regarding the Chifu-Kwantung cable concluded at Tokio in November last, and also to a further Agreement signed at Tokio on November 7 regarding the working of the Japanese and Chinese telegraph lines in Manchuria. The Telegraph Convention consists of eight Articles, the first of which refers to the Kwantung-Chifu cable, which is to be laid and maintained by the two countries jointly, the Chifu end by China and the Kwantung end by Japan. By Article 2 Japan hands over at once to China the payment of 50,000 yen over all Japanese lines in Manchuria outside the railway zone, and expresses her readiness to negotiate with China concerning the Japanese telephone service outside the railway territory. Pending the conclusion of a telephone agreement Japan will not extend her telephones in Manchuria without the consent of China nor permit them to compete with the Chinese telephones. Article 3 provides for linking up open ports or treaty ports in Manchuria with the Japanese railway territory with the lines in the railway zone by means of telegraph wires to be maintained by him. This holds good for a period of fifteen years. In Article 7 Japan undertakes to pay China an annual sum of 3,000 yen as a royalty on all messages over the Japanese-Manchurian telegraph line.

The second Agreement of November 5, ratified on the 12th inst., contains fifteen Articles dealing with the detailed methods of working the cable referred to in Article 1 of the Telegraph Convention.

The supplementary Telegraph Agreement of November 7 consists of eleven Articles and deals with the details of working the Manchurian telegraphs in conformity with the Telegraph Convention.

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## VALUABLE RUINS.

## TREASURES DUG UP AT MESSINA.

A Rome correspondent last month wrote:—  
Each day property amounting to many hundreds of thousands of pounds in shares, money, and jewels is recovered from the ruins or Messina, although up to the present only portions of the town have been explored.

Property valued at £2,800,000 has been found, which has not hitherto been claimed.

The bodies recovered number only four thousand, and many thousands are still buried under the wreckage.

Professor Sollins, who has been entrusted by the Ministry with the salvage of articles contained in the Messina Museum, has already recovered the celebrated collection of Greek vases, the coins and the pictures. The collection of sculpture is intact.

One hundred and eighty natives of Messina returned from the United States by the American to seek the corpses of their relatives among the ruins.

On their arrival in the port of Messina a distressing scene of grief ensued, men and women being alike affected. Some on landing kissed the soil of their native land and wept.

The troops at Messina one day worked for twenty hours in the torrential rain at a spot in the ruins where cries for help had been heard for three days. Nothing was found, however, and the cries subsequently ceased.

On the 10th ult. a party of searchers engaged in digging among the ruins for the purpose of recovering valuable property were astounded to come across a woman and her baby, who notwithstanding that they had been imprisoned in the ruins for twelve days, were still alive. They were, however, in a terribly emaciated condition, having had nothing to eat for several days.

A safe was recovered from the Villa Anderson belonging to the German Emperor, and was found to contain gold and securities to the value of £20,000.

A butcher forty-three years old, was extricated alive and comparatively well from a heap of debris under which he had been buried for twelve days without food. His wife and four children had been buried with him by the earthquake, and he had to witness their slow agonies and death.

## THE NEW TENOR.

## SUCCESSFUL DEBUT OF SIGNOR TAMINI.

Over ten thousand people were present in Albert Hall last month on the first London appearance of the Vietnamese tenor, Signor Tamini.

Signor Tamini, although obviously at first and plainly unaccustomed to the notoriously bad acoustics of the hall eventually won his audience into a high state of enthusiasm; was recalled again and again to the platform, and granted a number of encores. His first song was the familiar "Vesti la Giubba," from "Pagliacci," which was sung with a vocal power and a dramatic force that at once showed him an operatic artiste of great attainments; but it was after the beautiful "Ländler," from "Die Walküre," that he had his greatest triumph.

His vocal methods will no doubt find many critics, for occasionally he exhibits a certain amount of roughness, but it must be borne in mind that he is not yet thirty, and only began to sing three years ago. However, the London public has hailed him with unanimous acclaim, and he will almost certainly be heard here in grand opera in the near future.

## THREE HEROINES.

The Misses Zonfall, Pichal, and Karl, three young Bohemian girls of good family underwent an operation at Prague last month from phialanthropic motives.

A young woman named Fritze, employed in a Prague factory, recently had the misfortune to be completely scalped owing to her hair being caught in a machine. To save her life it was necessary to transplant fresh skin from another person to her head. Her employer advertised a reward of £20 to any person who would provide the necessary supply, and no fewer than six hundred persons offered themselves at the hospital for the purpose. The doctors chose a poor widow, who required the money for the education of her three children.

The three young women mentioned heard of the case, and informed the doctors that they would each give some of their own skin for nothing on condition that the widow should receive the £20. Their offer was accepted, and the three had pieces of skin from the soles of their feet removed and grafted on the factory girl's head. The operation was completely successful.

## GENERAL PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Dr.

To amounts written off:—

Hennaration to Directors £15,000.00

## NOTICE.

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of \$1.25 per Share, declared at the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS, held this Day, will be PAYABLE at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on and after TUESDAY, the 9th February, 1909.

Shareholders are requested to apply to the Office of the Company for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
W. E. CLARKE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 8th February, 1909. [305]

## CATHEDRAL CHOIR

## CONCERT

ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1909. [306]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE SECOND SALE OF THE STOCK-IN-TRADE

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Will take place

TO-MORROW (THURSDAY) & FRIDAY,  
the 11th and 12th February, 1909, commencing  
each day at 10.30 A.M. at their Premises,

Des Vaux Road.

The Sale will include AFTERNOON and EVENING GOWNS and ROBES and a Selection of TRIMMED HATS.

Terms—Cash on delivery.

On View from WEDNESDAY, the 10th February, 1909.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1909. [307]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI, MOJI, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steamer

"ALDENHAM,"

Captain St. John George, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, 11th Feb., at Daylight.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of passengers the Steamers of the Company have electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1909. [308]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamer

"LAISANG,"

having arrived from the above Ports Consignee of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo, impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M. the 11th inst., will be landed at Consignee's risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD., General Managers.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1909. [16]

## INTIMATIONS

THE ELECTRIC TRACTION COMPANY OF HONGKONG LTD.

## NOTICE.

THE ELECTRIC TRACTION COMPANY OF HONGKONG LTD. Herby Give Notice that under Section 7 of Ordinance, No. 10, of 1902, they intent to apply to His Excellency the Governor in Council for permission to construct and maintain a loop 112 yards in length—commencing at the junction of Connaught Road West and Des Vaux Road West, thence proceeding along Connaught Road West in an Easterly direction to Hill Road, thence to Des Vaux Road West at a point near the South West corner of Marine. Let No. 239, the whole being so arranged as to facilitate the transfer of the Cars from the West-bound line to the East-bound line without proceeding to the existing terminal loop at Kennedy Town.

J. GRAY SCOTT,

General Manager.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1909. [277]

## FRENCH LESSONS.

FRENCH TAUGHT entirely by Conversation and without translation by a Frenchman (a Teacher in Government Schools) and ENGLISH LESSONS by an English Lady.

Apply by letter to—

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Care of Messrs. Goldring, Barlow & Morell.

Hongkong, 13th November, 1908. [224]

## PUBLIC COMPANIES

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 9th instant to SATURDAY, the 20th instant, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
J. R. M. SMITH,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 5th February, 1909. [290]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 20th day of February, 1909, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1908.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
J. R. M. SMITH,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 9th February, 1909. [302]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of the Company, Queen's Buildings, New Praya, on MONDAY, the 22nd February, 1909, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1908.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 22nd February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
THOS. I. ROSE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 28th January, 1909. [247]

THE YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.

SHARE CERTIFICATE No. 4/448 representing 8 Shares of THE YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED, registered in the name of HOW CHONG (厚昌) has been declared to be LOST.

This is to Give Notice that if the above-mentioned Certificate be not presented at this Office within One Month from Date, a New Certificate will be issued in place thereof.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
W. S. JACKSON,  
Secretary.

No. 26, The Bund, Shanghai,  
13th January, 1909. [206]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

LOST SHARE CERTIFICATE.

No. 4782-157229/157236-8 Shares in name of ETHEL NEWTON TRIBE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a DUPLICATE of the above CERTIFICATE will be issued One Month hence, and the Original Certificate, unless produced at the Office of the General Managers within that period, will be held by the Company as Null and Void.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1909. [271]

## INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1909.

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY (OFF-DAY), 16TH, 17TH, 18TH AND 20TH FEBRUARY.

TICKETS OF ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Ltd., or at the Gate. Price 5/- for the Meeting (excluding the Off-Day), or 8/- per day. Tickets for which are now being sent out with the Members' Tickets.

No one admitted without a Ticket to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.

T. F. HOUGH,  
(Clerk of the Course.)

Hongkong, 28th February, 1909. [293]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of the presence of the LADIES at the GRAND STAND and the ENCLOSURE during the Races 16th, 17th, 18th and 20th inst.

A Stand and Enclosure will be reserved for Members and Members' Wives and Families, Tickets for which are now being sent out with the Members' Tickets.

All Tickets must be produced to gain admission.

Special accommodation will be reserved as in recent years for Chinese ladies and their female attendants in the Stand erected on the plot of ground next to the Lusitano Club Stand.

Apply to—  
T. F. HOUGH,  
(Clerk of the Course.)

Hongkong, 8th February, 1909. [294]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NO CHILDREN under the age of 14 years will be admitted into the Enclosure.

T. F. HOUGH,  
(Clerk of the Course.)

Hongkong, 8th February, 1909. [295]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NO SERVANTS will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the Race Course during the Race day WITHOUT TICKETS which can be had on application to the Under-signed. These Tickets are only available for servants while in attendance on their employers or when on duty at the various Stands.

Any Chinese found loitering about with Servants' passes in their possession, will forfeit them and the holders thereof will be removed from the enclosure.

T. F. HOUGH,  
(Clerk of the Course.)

Hongkong, 8th February, 1909. [296]

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J. M. XAVIER,  
Care of Messrs. Goldring, Barlow & Morell.  
Hongkong, 8th February, 1909. [298]

## INTIMATIONS

## NOTICE.

IN the Goods of CHARLES JOHN FARROW, deceased, ALL CLAIMS against the estate of the late Mr. C. J. FARROW should be forwarded to the undersigned at H.E.M. Consulate, Amoy, before March 15th, 1909.

LANCELOT GILES,  
Official Administrator,  
Amoy, 5th February, 1909. [292]

DEVONIAN SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL DEVONIAN DINNER will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL on SATURDAY, 13th February, 1909, at 8 o'clock P.M.

DEVONIANS wishing to attend are requested to send in their Names to

M. S. NORTHCOTE,  
Hon Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1909. [274]

WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.

TENDERS will be received at the HEAD QUARTER OFFICES, Victoria Barracks, until 12 o'clock Noon, on MONDAY, 22nd February, 1909, for the undermentioned SUPPLIES and SERVICES for the period of 12 months commencing from 1st April, 1909.

1—Meat.  
2—Hospital Supplies and Medical Comforts.  
3—General Supplies and Provisions.  
4—Oil, Wick and Barrack Supplies.  
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6—Barrack Services and Scavenging.  
7—Washing.

Forms and other particulars can be obtained on application to this Office, personally or by letter addressed to the Officer Commanding, Army Service Corps, between the hours of 10 A.M. and 4 P.M.

The Tenders must be properly filled up, signed and dated, and no tender will be noticed unless delivered upon the proper form at the HEAD QUARTER OFFICE, by 12 NOON, on the above date, in a closed envelope marked "TENDER" on the outside.

The right to reject any or all Tenders is reserved.

HEAD QUARTER OFFICE,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Hongkong, 4th February, 1909. [278]

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THE "GROVE," MACDONNELL ROAD, from the 15th of March, 1909, for 12 months.

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Hongkong, 28th January, 1909. [248]

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